



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hideaki HOSOKAWA et al.**

Serial No.: **09/594,511**

Group Art Unit: **1642**

Filed: **June 15, 2000**

Examiner: **G. Nickol**

For: **METHOD FOR DETECTION OF CARCINOEMBRYONIC ANTIGENS HAVING
A MODIFIED SUGAR CHAIN STRUCTURE**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED November 4, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 20, 2002

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 4, 2002, extended to January 4, 2001 by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

The Office action dated November 4, 2002, indicated that the Amendment filed on August 8, 2002, canceling claims 1-30 and adding new claims 31-44, is considered non-responsive, because "the remaining claims are non-readable on the elected invention because they present additional method steps and new limitations which were not previously considered."

A telephone interview to discuss this issue was conducted between Daniel Geselowitz and Examiner Nickol on December 13, 2002, and a subsequent telephone interview with Examiner Nickol and Examiner Caputa was conducted on December 17, 2002. In the second interview, as a